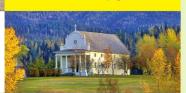


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• Councillor disappointed, not surprised to hear Uteck Bowl leaving for Moncton • Council to discuss overall event planning strategy in coming weeks: Mayor

Coun. Sue Uteck says today's expected announcement about the Uteck Bowl leaving Halifax for Moncton is "a wake-up call" to our city.

"It says to Halifax, you can no longer sit on your laurels and think that, 'Just because we're Halifax, the event will come to us.' It's no longer the case," she said.

"This had become a destination event and if we don't smarten up and do something, Moncton will be the destination event (city).

Uteck calls the Canadian Interuniversity Football semifinal named after her late husband Larry Uteck "our mini Grey

That will now change.

#### Four-pad arena

- Sue Uteck said HRM doesn't have money to help fund any new outdoor stadium because "the city has backed itself in a corner," in part, na in Bedford.
- Peter Kelly said "we unfortunately can't do facility the municipality needed.

Atlantic University Sport is holding a press conference in Moncton today where it's expected the New Brunswick city's new \$20-million outdoor stadium will serve as the game's host for 2011.

"It comes down to a monetary issue and, obviously, they saw more seats in (Moncton's) stadium than they did down here," said Mayor Peter Kelly, who was unaware this decision was coming.

"It's a business decision that they made by funding alone the \$40-million four-pad are- and, unfortunately, it looks like that for (2011).

Uteck said Halifax needs a new medieverything," but added the four-pad arena is a um-sized outdoor stadium, in the range of 20,000 to 25,000 seats.

> "Huskies Stadium is no longer suitable as a venue," Uteck said. "And you can't blame Saint Mary's. They need help with funding."

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Celtic Thunder rolls through Halifax

The six-member group kicked off its North American tour with last night's Halifax show, which is the only Atlantic Canada stop. The tour continues tomorrow night in Hamilton, Ont.

# Council approves fee hikes in a jiffy

## ▶ Laundry list of council items approved during quick session ▶ New fees implemented, variance fees quintupled ▶ Taxi bill amendments approved



Halifax regional council wasted no time yesterday, getting through a laundry list of items in under two hours.

Many of the items on the afternoon agenda had already been discussed by council, requiring only council's final approval.

The most contentious

of these was a bylaw amendment implementing new fees and fee increases proposed in this year's budget process. The fee changes include a 10 per cent increase in heritage and planning applications, processing fees to the tune of \$770 per downtown development plan applications, and processing fees for development applications.

Variance applications al-

so saw a substantial increase, from \$100 to \$500 per application.

According to the staff report, variance applications require a significant amount of time to process, and the current \$100 fee does not reflect that.

But Coun. Bob Harvey questioned the quintuple increase.

"I think going five times the amount is too much," said Harvey. "The Northwest Community Council deals with three, four, five (variance applications) a year, maybe. A fee of \$500 would be more than the actual cost of what people want to construct, in some cases."

Despite Harvey's hesitations, the amendment passed unanimously. Municipal staff estimate an influx of approximately \$150,000 to municipal coffers thanks to the new fees.

#### Taxi zones, again

- While the effort to eliminate taxi zones in HRM was voted down earlier this year, a number of administrative amendments relating to bylaw T-141 were addressed yesterday.
- ➤ While the debate was fairly tame, Coun. Bob Harvey drew a number of shouts for and groans against re-opening the issue of taxi zones again.

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# Charges pile up for Melvin Jr.

New charges for notorious Halifax crime figure
 Melvin Jr. usually housed at Burnside provincial jail



Add four more charges to the heap for Jimmy Melvin Jr.

Melvin was in a Sydney courtroom on Friday for an appearance on charges of assaulting three prison guards in the Cape Breton Correctional Facility in Sydney.

The alleged assaults happened on June 5 and Melvin was arraigned two days later, said Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service

#### Hearing

Melvin will be back in court on these four charges Oct. 15 for a show-cause hearing.

spokeswoman Chris Hansen.

He is also facing a charge of threatening a peace officer, relating to an incident in April.

Jennifer Gavin, spokeswoman for the Department of Justice, said she doesn't discuss specifics on offenders but there are several reasons why Melvin could have been transferred to the Sydney jail.

Melvin was injured in an attack on Canada Day with another inmate in the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside.

Adam Joseph Leblanc, 21, was charged in July with aggravated assault and possession of a weapon after allegedly slashing Melvin's face.

# Amherst man gets four years in uncle's death

Melvin Roberts sat stonefaced on the prisoner's bench yesterday morning in Amherst provincial court, his arms crossed in front of his chest, while family members struggled to hold back tears.

Roberts, 35, was sentenced to four years in federal prison in the June 6 death of his 47-year-old uncle, Paul Douglas Arsenault. He entered a guilty plea to the count of manslaughter during an appearance Sept. 8.

Crown attorney Bruce Baxter said the accused had battled drug and alcohol problems from a young age.

On June 5, Roberts went to his uncle's apartment on Queen Street in Amherst, the same apart-



ment building where Arsenault's body was found.

His body, however, was found in another relative's unit in the building.

During police questioning, Roberts admitted to having consumed alcohol

#### Sentence

Melvin Roberts had 107 days of his custodial sentence deemed served by the time spent in remand since the June 6 incident.

and drugs that evening, and told police he thought his uncle was coming at him at one point in an aggressive manner. Roberts admitted to punching Arsenault in the head, but it wasn't clear how many times Roberts punched him.

The autopsy report, said Baxter, listed the cause of death as "blunt force injury to the head" that had caused small vessel bleeding in the head.

AMHERST DAILY NEWS

# No signs of foul play in body find

Police say they are no apparent signs of foul play after a body was discovered Monday evening in the water at Sir Sandford Fleming Park, better known as Dingle Park. A citizen noticed the body just before 6 p.m.

An autopsy was conducted yesterday, but police won't know its findings until additional test are complete. Police are calling the death suspicious until a cause is determined.

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#### RCMP car flips into a ditch

With lights and sirens on, a Halifax RCMP cruiser crashed into the ditch in Gaetz Brook on Monday night.

An officer was responding to a call at 9 p.m. when police say the vehicle lost control, went into the ditch and rolled. It landed on the roof and the officer didn't suffer any serious injuries. RCMP are investigating. They say there were no other vehicles involved.

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# MLA on the mend after concussion

MLA Becky Kent is recovering after an accident over the weekend.

The MLA for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage was clearing debris blown down from hurricane Earl at a friend's cottage on Saturday when a falling tree hit her. She suffered a severe concussion and was taken to the hospital. Kent in out of the hospital now but it is recommended she limit activities for two weeks. • METRO HALIFAX



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# Mount Saint Vincent joins PSI organization

Peaceful Schools International is a non-profit group to support schools that create 'cultures of peace'



A flag with the image of three figures holding up the world is now hoisted outside of Mount Saint Vincent University.

In a fitting activity on the UN's International Day of Peace, the Mount was made a member of Peaceful Schools International (PSI) yesterday. PSI was founded by

PSI was founded by Hetty van Gurp, a Nova Scotia teacher whose son died after a bullying incident.

"Peaceful Schools International believes everyone deserves to feel safe in their schools," said rep-



resentative Clare Levin.

"I hope (the flag) will serve as a daily reminder to the Mount's commitment to peace."

The Mount was chosen

for membership for several reasons including hosting an international peace conference in July, and because the university trains teachers, who play a crucial role in creating peaceful schools.

"We're only the second university in the world to join Peaceful Schools International and the other is Saint Mary's University," said outgoing university president and former NDP leader Alexa McDonough.

McDonough will be returning to her retirement next month when Ramona Lumpkin takes over as the new president of the Mount.



## Surfers ride Igor's waves

While hurricane Igor missed Nova Scotia, the storm kicked up some decent waves, making Cow Bay and Lawrencetown Beach a popular spot for surfers over the last few days.

1,441
Number of cyclists to cross Quinpool Road and Cogswell Street in

the bike count.

#### **HRM** takes bike count

Hundreds of cyclists crossed Quinpool Road and Cogswell Street yesterday morning and Monday evening, according to a Halifax Regional Municipality bike count.

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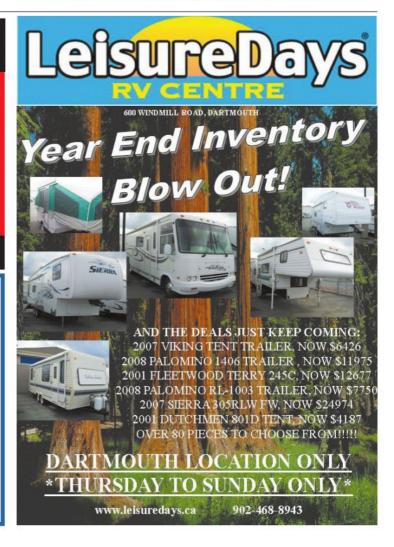
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#### Teachers' union, province start talks

The contract is up for public school teachers and the union and the province started negotiations vesterday.

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Teachers Union said the current contract expired

Éducation Minister Marilyn More and NSTU president Alexis Allen said in a statement they are optimistic "the talks would produce an agree-ment in the best interest of public education in Nova Scotia."

The majority of the province's 10,000 school teachers voted online in February 2009 in favour of a deal that gave them a 2.9 per cent salary increase. METRO HALIFAX

# Brazil ignored pleas, say rescue officials



Quicker call would have helped rescue crew, students sooner: Officer

search-and-Canadian rescue officials contend counterparts Brazil ignored their repeated pleas to look for a Lunenburg-based tall ship that sank off South America last winter.

The Concordia was carrying 64 students and staff from a sailing school in Lunenburg went it went down Feb. 17.

Everyone got off the ves-sel safely but spent the next 41 hours in a life-raft before they were picked up by a commercial vessel.

Documents obtained by the CBC show officials at the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Halifax believed the students and crew could have been rescued much earlier had Brazilian authorities responded sooner.

An incident log from

#### Email

In an email written 27 hours after the sinking, a search officer in Halifax wrote that "it is becoming difficult to get specifics about the actions Brazil is taking." An aircraft was eventually dispatched and the life-raft spotted.

the centre states that Brazilian authorities didn't notify Canada about the emergency until 16 hours after receiving the first distress signal from Concordia. The log also states that almost 23 hours after the signal, Brazilian search and rescue said it considered it "a false alert," prompting Halifax to ask when they would consider it a distress situation

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#### Fire put out | Moose quickly, no <u>i</u>njuries

Firefighters quickly put out a blaze on St. Margaret's Bay Road vesterday.

At about 1:40 p.m., someone reported smoke coming from a house at 50 St. Margaret's Bay Road. Firefighters responded and quickly put out a fire in the basement of the house. There were no injuries. @ METRO HALIFAX

## seen near highway

Motorists were asked to use added caution yesterday as they travelled Highway 104 near Truro after a moose was reported near the highway.

Department of Natural Resources staff were called to the area in the morning after a bull moose was spotted south of Highway

TRURO DAILY NEWS



## Igor hits N.L. with brutal force

◆ At least 30 communities declare state of emergency ◆ Premier plans to visit affected areas today

Hurricane Igor ripped across eastern Newfound-land yesterday with a savagery that forced flooded, wind-battered towns to declare states of emergency, isolating some communities as rivers overflowed and roads washed away.

Police were investigating reports that an 80-year-old man was swept out to sea when the road beneath him collapsed in the Random Island area, about 100 kilometres northwest of St. John's.

The RCMP said only local residents were able to search the area because of impassable roads. Officers and the coast guard weren't able to access the island because air and sea travel were also impossible due to the fierce storm.

"It appears we have a very serious situation on our hands," Premier Danny Williams said.

Officials at the Canadian Hurricane Centre downgraded Igor to a post-tropical storm by yesterday afternoon, but it was still packing hurricane-force winds in excess of 150 km/h.

The centre said that 238 millimetres of rain fell in St. Lawrence by late afternoon and a peak wind gust of 163 km/h was recorded at Sagona Island on the province's south coast.

Tropical storm warnings were still in effect at 9 p.m. local time with winds gusting to 150 km/h in some coastal areas. The forecast called for a mix of sun and cloud today. THE CANADIAN PRESS



### Presidential nepotism?

Egyptian police beat and arrested anti-government activists demonstrating outside the downtown presidential palace against a possible father-son succession in the country.

#### Police seize funds from Vatican bank

Italian authorities seized \$23 million from a Vatican bank account yesterday and said they have begun investigating top officials of the Vatican bank in connection with a money-laundering probe.

The Vatican said it was

The Vatican said it was "perplexed and surprised."

Italian financial police seized the money as a precaution, and prosecutors placed the Vatican bank's chairman, Ettore Gotti Tedeschi, and its director general under investigation for alleged mistakes linked to violations of Italy's antilaundering laws, news reports said.



The investigation is not the first trouble for the bank. In the 1980s, it was involved in a scandal that resulted in a banker, dubbed "God's Banker" because of his close ties to the Vatican, being found hanging from a bridge in London. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Woman, 29, in custody following naked fight

It's a case that police say began with two naked women fighting on a balcony.

Police in Hamilton say they were called to the scene on the evening of Sept. 13 by reports of a naked scuffle on a thirdfloor balcony.

Police haven't revealed any other details of the in-

cident.

Karyn DeJong of Hamilton is charged with attempted murder, being unlawfully in a dwelling and sexual assault.

DeJong, who was arrested on Saturday, remains in custody following a court appearance on Sunday.

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## PM's wife appears at Ontario plowing match

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's wife was on hand yesterday to celebrate what's widely considered to be rural Ontario's biggest event of the year.

Laureen Harper spoke at the opening ceremonies of this year's International Plowing Match, which attracts thousands of people annually.

"Back home in Alberta, we call our Calgary Stampede the greatest outdoor show on Earth," she said. "But as great as the Stampede is, I would say today it's pretty obvious that the biggest outdoor show on Earth is right here in Elgin County."

"Growing up on a Hereford ranch in the foothills of southern Alberta, I developed a powerful love for the land and the creatures great and small that are a constant source of joy and wonder," she said.

Harper helped unveil a 100-year-old plow that be-



longed to the great-grandfather of John Wise, a former federal agriculture minister who served in the Tory governments of Joe Clark and Brian Mulroney.

Wise, 74, quipped that he still uses the plow occasionally in his garden.

The plowing match is an annual pilgrimage for Ontario politicians of all stripes, who end their day by climbing onto a tractor to show off their plowing skills. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Speaker roster

- Laureen Harper, who grew up on a ranch in southern Alberta, said she was thrilled to speak at the event. The theme this year was women in agriculture. Premier Dalton McGuinty also spoke at the event,
- Premier Dalton McGuinty also spoke at the event, along with Opposition Leader Tim Hudak, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath and Green Leader Mike Schreiner.



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# FDA needs to label doctored salmon: Critics

#### Marking fish as modified a necessary safeguard against future problems: Consumer Reports publisher

Consumer advocates, environmentalists and other op ponents of genetically engineered salmon told the U.S. Food and Drug Administration yesterday that it would be irresponsible not to label the fish as modified in the grocery store if it is approved for human consumption.

The agency heard from all sides this week as they held hearings to review the science of the fish that grows twice as fast as the conventional variety and to hear public comment on whether the fish should be labelled. According to feder-al guidelines, the fish would not be labelled as genetically modified if the agency decides it has the same material makeup as

If approved, the genetically engineered salmon could be in grocery stores in two ears, AquaBounty estimates.

conventional salmon.

Consumer advocates say it is the public's right to know that the fish have been genetically modified. AquaBounty, the company that has developed the fish and is applying to the FDA to market it, says that genetically modified salmon have the same flavour, texture, colour and odour as the conventional fish.

In preliminary analysis

released ahead of the hearing, the FDA agreed with the company, saying there were no biologically relevant differences between the engineered salmon and conventional salmon.

Dr. Michael Hansen, senior scientist at Consumers Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports, testified that his organization disagrees with the FDA that genetic engineering itself does not constitute a material difference in the two fish. He added that the agency does have the authority to demand the labels, citing previous rules that allowed foods to be labelled so people with religious or cultural sensitivities could avoid them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RESEARCH

#### Wind may have done Moses' job

Moses might not have parted the Red Sea, but a strong east wind that blew through the night could have pushed the waters back in the way described in biblical writings and the Qur'an, U.S. researchers reported yesterday.

Computer simulations show wind could push water back at a point

where a river bent to merge with a coastal lagoon, the team at the National Center for Atmospheric Research and the University of Colorado at Boulder said.

"The simulations match fairly closely with the account in Exodus, the national centre's Carl Drews, who led the study, said in a statement.

Religious texts differ a little in the tale, but in all the Red Sea parts to let Moses and his followers pass safely, then crashes back onto their pursuers, drowning them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### **Online light** show draws big crowds

The Canadian Space Agency says thousands of people have already viewed the aurora borealis on a website it set up for the light show.

The live daily feeds from Yellowknife began Monday night on the website AuroraMax.

An agency spokeswoman says the site had registered more than 168,000 hits as of yesterday afternoon. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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## LONG AND SHORT OF CANADIAN POLITICS



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The House of Commons is back in session and it's very exciting. Not.

Ps are debating whether or not to keep the long-census form and the longgun registry.

There's a theme at work here. If it's long, it's on the agenda. At least I can't see any other reason for the petty preoccupations of this government.

I've been around a long (there's that word again) time and I can't remember when Canadian politics was as lame as it is now. Pierre Trudeau once went to the polls on "The Land is Strong" (not long) and was rightly trounced. He had already set the bar pretty high with: "The state has no place in the bedrooms of the nation," and "The Land is

Strong" was a disappointing sequel.

Nonetheless, compared to the stupefyingly pointless debate over the long-form census, it's vintage Winston

Churchill.

Our prime minister seems to think Canadians believe that the right to bear unregistered long guns should be enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. And while we're at it, we don't need no stinking long forms.

I have news for you Mr. Harper: Canadians don't care!

They do care about the small stuff like health care and education, but they're not long, so I guess that's why they're not on

the agenda

"As for the stupid

form, only a

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about a

census form."

The long-gun registry is on today's agenda. I could save a lot of greenhouse gas and solve it in 15 seconds. The Canadian

Association of the Chiefs of Police says it helps fight crime. That's good enough for me. Next?

As for the stupid form, only a nation of bureaucrats would argue about a census form. And Trudeau said the state had no place

in the bedrooms of the nation. He was completely silent on counting the bedrooms of the nation.

So where's my pencil? Count me in!

These twin follies are just the tip of the iceberg. Our nation's fu-

ture leaders can't afford higher education, which means we have another generation of right hon-ourable doofuses in the making. Instead, the government wants to spend about \$16 billion of our tax dollars on fighter jets since the Russians might violate our air space. Not sure why. To purchase duty free?

These must be short jets or else the government wouldn't want them. Just sayin'.

I keep hoping I'm just dream-ing of an old Monty Python skit - the Ministry of Long Things or something, and I'll just wake up and everything will be relevant and meaningful again.

It will; won't it?



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# **Cartoon** STEPHEN HARPER BOOSTS AID TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD:

## Reflect on that ticket

### Worth mentioning

Drivers annoyed by parking tickets in Cambridge, Mass., are getting some calming advice from city officials — try yoga.

The city's parking tick-

ets include instructions on the reverse on how to bend into some simple voga positions.

The city, which is home

to elite universities Harvard and MIT, printed 40,000 of the tickets as part of a public art project by artist-in-residence Daniel Peltz.

Peltz envisions "a reflection on a social situation, the human experience of giving and receiving parking

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He emailed from Sweden: "I started this process by wondering what would happen in a world where I received them with a set of graceful postures: A clean bend at the waist, a gentle lift of the windshield wiper .. I'm going to get the ticket either way, my only choice really is how I'm going to receive it.

Susan Clippinger, the city's transportation chief, told the Boston Herald the purpose of the tickets is to "debunk the idea that all parking tickets are a hostile action."

Not everyone is buying it. Cambridge resident Hyunho Noh said "it's not working" as he showed up to pay a \$25 ticket.

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### **Metro Minute with** Symphony Week

Ah — the beautiful sound of Symphony Week. Symphony Nova Scotia is presenting a number of free concerts today until Sun-day. Today, the symphony will perform for MLAs, staff and guests in Province House's Red Room at noon. Tomorrow, it will perform for students at Citadel high school, and Friday, it will perform at city hall at noon. Saturday, members of the symphony will be at the Museum of Natural History, the Woodlawn Public Library and Pier 21. Sunday, there will be performances in Victoria Park for the Word on the Street festival, and for seniors at the Shannex Clayton Park Visit symphonynovascotia.ca for more info.

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# **Mysterious** pop-ups due to **Twitter hack**

Third-party programs like Tweetdeck unaffected • Virus may have been among the shortest on record

A new way to cause misquickly spread h short-messaging through short-messaging service Twitter yesterday morning before the site could fix the problem, as mysterious "tweets" of blocked-out text propagated themselves and caused popup windows to open.

Early yesterday, Twitter said on its "safety" feed on the site that the attack had been shut down. It also said it does not believe that any user information was compromised.

The hack had been extra nefarious because the tweets activated without being clicked on - it was enough for web surfers to move their mouse cursors over them. But it only affected visitors to Twit-



ter.com. Various third-party programs used to send and read tweets were unaf-

fected. The popups could, though didn't necessarily, contain malicious code that could take over poorly 1.8 million users follow the White House's Twitter feed, which was among those affected by the hack.

protected computers.

The White House's official Twitter feed - followed by 1.8 million users – was among those affected, though the offending message was quickly taken down.

Security breaches had been common in Twitter's early days, but the company has since worked to beef up its security problems have become less common.

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#### Bell donation to mental health

Bell president and CEO George Cope met with Canadian Olympic athlete Clara Hughes prior to an announcement in Ottawa, yesterday. Bell is donating \$50 million over five years to support mental-health programs in Canada.

Travel by U.S. residents to Canada reached 1.7 million trips in July, up 2.3 per cent from the previous month, according to Statistics Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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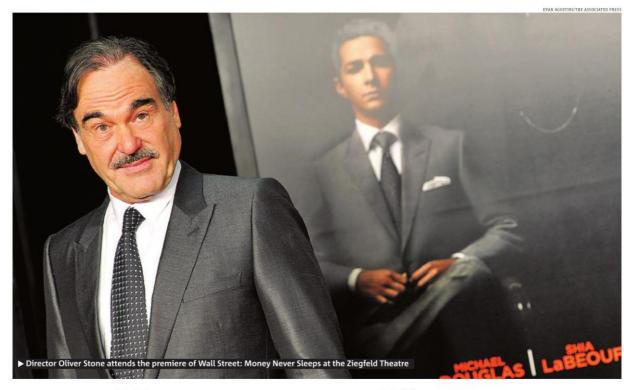


Douglas



Michael Douglas has channeled the confidence of ruthless corporate raider Gordon Gekko while walking the red carpet at the New York City premiere of his latest film, Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps. The Academy Awardwinning actor recently announced he's being treated for throat cancer. and wasn't able to give interviews this week. His costar, Shia LaBeouf, calls the 65-yearold Douglas a wolf." He notes Douglas showed no signs of weakness while making the Wall Street sequel, which opens Friday. Director Oliver Stone says "it's a struggle" and "it's tough," but Douglas is "fight-ing." Douglas won an Oscar for playing Gekko in the original. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





# Walking Wall Street

Director Oliver Stone takes Metro through how he updated his new film Wall Street Talks about the impact of the real world Wall Street crisis



Controversial movie direc-Oliver Stone renowned for his hardline liberal views on American politics.

He has unflinchingly tackled raw events with films like World Trade Center and W but now he's taking on the men behind the world financial meltdown by revisiting a topic he covered over 20 years ago with his film Wall Street.

He spoke to Metro his timely sequel Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps.

#### How did you update Wall Street?

That's a 10-minute answer! Things like computers, globalization and the banking system on steroids. It's crazy. Banks were kind of dull back in the 1980s but by 2000 they had got into the debt business big time. They drove the economy into the toilet. We were living beyond our means, not just the banks, but the people, everyone.

#### Do the characters behave differently from those in the

1987 movie? old world was more person-toperson. Now, you really basically trade with a computer. Also, you are in and out much faster. You don't take long-term positions and that's unfortunate. A lot of it is speculation. It's a short-term process: you grab it while it's hot.

The focus of the original movie ended up being on Gordon Gekko — who the public became fascinated with.

Michael Douglas was well aware of that and came back with a much bigger role than in the original. It's really a human drama with a background of Wall Street same old problems with

love, trust, greed and betrayal that we have always had in our history back not just 1987 but in 2008.

#### How difficult was it making a film about a crisis in the midst of that crisis?

The research was complex. I mean the concept of taking credit deriva-tives, all that new jargon, it's complicated. We didn't want to overdo it, so we had to simplify it. We have complicated stuff in that movie. The Federal Re-serve Board scenes alone have never been done in film. It was taking a complex thesis to making it smaller and simpler but

#### On sequels

On why he's never made a sequel

"Don't call it a sequel If I wanted to do a real sequel, I would've done it in the '90s because most of the people would've remembered the original and I probably would've done it better. But I don't think you need to know the old film at all to appreciate it. The only leftover is Gekko and he establishes a new character from the very beginning.

true to what happened, so I think if you look closely at the background, you will see the events of 2008 were echoed in the film.

# Paris delayed entry to Japan



Japanese officials delayed Paris Hilton's entry into the country a day after she pleaded guilty to misde-meanour charges in Las Vethe socialite's spokeswoman said.

An emailed statement by Hilton's rep, Dawn Miller, said the 29-year-old was delayed by immigration authorities upon her arrival Tuesday in Japan.

She was scheduled to appear at a news conference in Tokyo on Wednesday to promote her fashion line, but that appearance was apparently cancelled.

It was unclear where Hilton was or whether she will continue with her promotional tour. She was scheduled to visit several other countries, including Indonesia and Malaysia.

The trip had been planned before Hilton's ar-rest last month in Las Vegas after an officer found a small amount of cocaine in her purse. She pleaded

"Paris was contractually bound to her business trip and didn't want to let down her ... many Asian fans" HILTON'S REP, DAWN MILLER

guilty Monday to drug possession and obstructing an officer and was placed on informal probation for one year. The terms of her sentence did not restrict travel

"Paris was contractually bound to her business trip and didn't want to let down her brands and many Asian fans," the Miller's statement said. "She intended on fulfilling her contract and is trying hard to do the responsible thing, but this is beyond her control. She is very disappointed by tonight's

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# Fall's hottest movie picks

#### This year's cinematic goodie bag will last you through till Christmas



Spring's got the duds. Summer's got the block-busters. Fall — probably in keeping with the myriad leafy colours of the season - brings in more mixed

The box-office burners are peppered with the serious, made-for-Oscar-glory dramas. Then there are the Halloween splatter fests (great facilitators of some freshmen noshing). So, here's the Metro list of what's hot and what's not in the world of movies for the chilly days ahead:

#### THE MEGA-MILLION-DOLLAR LIST:

Megamind (Nov. 5): After the disastrous Land of The Lost and the ho-hum The Other Guys, Will Ferrell needs a hit. And this animated send-up of superhero movies might just have the mainstream super-strength to save the day for the comedy star.

Due Date (Nov. 5): It's a Todd Phillips (The Hangover director) movie. It's a road trip movie. It's a Robert Downey Jr. and Zach Galifianakis movie. No reason why Warner Bros. shouldn't be laughing all the way to the bank.

Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (Nov. 10): Only the boy wizmates can take on the boxoffice might of Toy Story 3 and Inception -2010's biggest hits.

ALSO SEE: Tron: Lega-

cy, Paranormal Activity 2

#### THE ACADEMY LIST:

The Social Network (Oct 1): Will uptight Academy voters "like" the new media phenom? Early critical buzz for the David Fincher film points to some serious nomination damage.

127 Hours (Nov. 5): It's a Danny "Slumdog Millionaire" Boyle movie all right but all the praise around this true tale of a trapped hiker has been heaped on star James Franco.

Black Swan (Dec. 3): If blogs are to be believed, Natalie Portman has the Best Actress Oscar locked down for her turn as a tortured ballet dancer in Darren Aronofosky's follow-up to The Wrestler.

ALSO SEE: Hereafter, True Grit, The King's

THE ALTERNATIVE LIST:
The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest (Oct. 15): Girl wonder Lisbeth Salander's harrowing journev comes to an end in the final installment of the Millennium Trilogy. Yes, it's in Swedish but you are deluding yourself if you are holding out hope for the Hollywood remake.

Fubar 2 (Oct. 1): The cult

▶ Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1

bangers returns with a bigger budget but the spirit of improvised buffoonery remains intact.

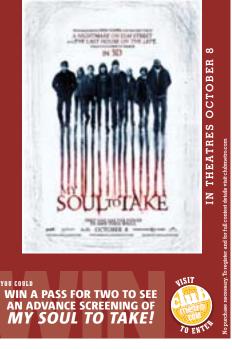
Catfish (limited release): Is it a documentary? Many viewers on the festival circuit have questioned the veracity of this gripping take on the slippery nature of online and social media, but true or not, this may be this year's biggest leftfield hit.

ALSO SEE: Jack Goes Boating, Jackass 3-D, The Tempest

#### The Black List

- Saw 3-D. You knew this was coming. Maybe this will be so revolting that it will turn viewers off 3-D once and for all (now that's wishful thinking).
- Burlesque. Christina Aguilera goes the Britney Spears and Mariah Carev route. That can't be good
- Little Fockers. Some things just don't sound right. Or funny.







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# Hugh Jackman's chopper gets electrified

Authorities say a helicopter used in the filming of the Hugh Jackman movie Real Steel snagged a power line in Michigan, causing a brief power outage and closing a roadway.

Huron County Sheriff

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson told the Huron Daily Tribune of Bad Axe that no injuries were reported after the Sunday evening incident in Huron County's Sheridan Township, about 90 miles north of Detroit.

Hanson says the helicopter was equipped with a front-mounted camera. Hanson says the helicopter hooked the electrical wire, then seemed to have "directional control issues" before safely flying away.

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#### **Talking points**

## MJ's kids to be on the stand

court. In the manslaughter trial of Michael Jackson, accused doctor Conrad Murray plans to call two of the late singer's children to testify, according to Radar Online. "Prince and Paris knew their dad relied on Dr.

Murray to survive and knew their father adored him," a source says. "Their comments, if they back him, could save him from jail because it would work well in the eyes of a jury."

• METRO

#### Don't call Shia green

ENVIRONMENT. Shia LaBeouf admits that he isn't that green. "I'm gonna be honest with you, I'm not environmentally friendly," he says, according to Showbiz Spy. "I'm horrible, horrible,

horrible. My mom hates me for it. Sometimes I put the can in the right bin, sometimes I don't. I have to be better about it, I know, and I'm sorry, world."

#### **Celebrity tweets**



Lance Armstrong [@lance

**armstrong**] I've decided it's not that HOT here. However it is miserably HUMID.



Slash [Aslash] Its been brought to my atten-

tion the Ernest Borgnine is the voice of "Mermaid man." I thought he looked & sounded just like him.



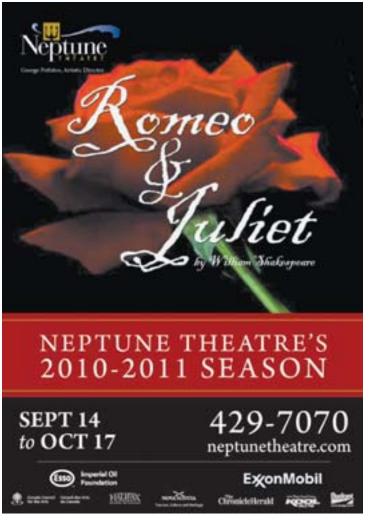
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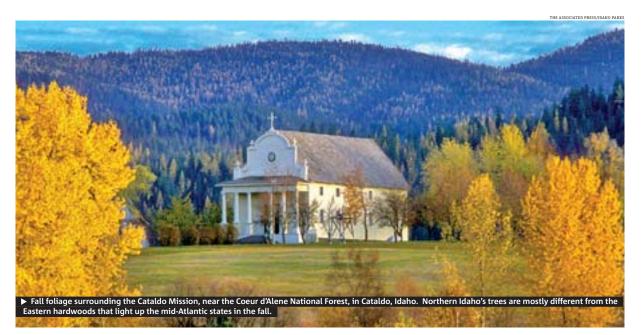
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Disneyland Hotel, attending and hosting a conference on the history of theme park technology. I'm stoked and kind of ashamed.







# A magical canopy of colour in Idaho

▶ Fall foliage defies idea that autumn colour is something only found in the East ▶ A stunning riot of yellow, deep green and bright gold greet you

In this age of big-box stores, Sandpoint, in northern Idaho, offers the little box: The labyrinthine used bookstore, the coffee shop with a sagging couch and a pile of magazines, and a family-owned pharmacy and tool store that sells rubber bands, wheel-chairs, birdseed, and dolls.

Just an hour south of the Canadian border, tiny Sandpoint (population 7,000) offers another counterpoint to prevailing perceptions as well, by defying the idea that fall foliage is something you only find in the eastern United States.

Northern Idaho's trees are mostly different from the eastern hardwoods that light up the mid-Atlantic states in the fall.

The mountains are dominated by evergreens, but they have some deciduous species such as quaking aspen, cottonwood and willow. Just as in the East, the trees here also display a stunning mix of colour as winter approaches.

The western larch, also

called the tamarack, turns a bright gold as its needles drop to the ground.

Then there's the muted green of sage-covered hills with splashes of purple or yellow wildflowers and the round yellow leaves of the aspens glimmer like a basket of gold coins.

Chic Burge, a photographer who works in a store called Camera Corral innearby town Coeur d'Alene, leads foliage hiking tours in the mountains along the border of Idaho and Montana, where

colour peaks at the end of September and first half of October.

Idaho's culture is rooted in natural resources like agriculture, logging and mining, and the region's fall festivals make the most of those roots.

Fall visitors are just in time to see sheep herders moving the sheep down to lower pastures for the winter—the basis for Sun Valley's popular Trailing of the Sheep festival, which falls on Oct. 8 to 10 this years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### If you go ...

The West also has something lacking in most Eastern states: Space to enjoy the landscape on your own, or in the company of some cattle or sheep.

Getting there: The nearest large city to northern Idaho is Spokane, Wash. Its airport is served by a half-dozen airlines, including Southwest and Delta. Or take a ride on Amtrak's Empire Builder between Chicago and Seattle.



A better ride



Universal Orlando is tweaking an attraction to ensure guests with bellies can enjoy the park's most popular Harry Potter ride.

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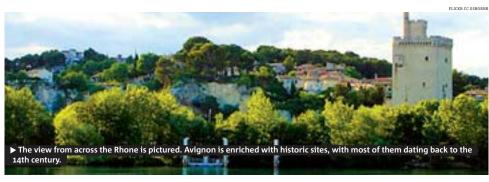
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Most of Avignon's historical monuments date from the 14th century, when for 70 years the papal seat was moved there from Rome. The massive Palais des Papes is the centrepiece: a vast Gothic confection of banqueting halls, crennelated towers and soaring ceilings but the city overflows with palaces, castles, museums and churches.

The absolutely unmissable sight however is the Pont St-Benezet, the famous bridge of the folk song Sur le Pont d'Avignon. Only four of the original 22 arches remain but they have an atmosphere all their own.

Where should I stay?

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- Pour about 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the batter onto



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#### **Ingredients:**

- 250 ml (1 cup) Red Fife whole-wheat flour • 6 ml (1 1/4 tsp) baking powder
- 2 ml (10 tsp) baking
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) brown sugar
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 1 large egg
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) buttermilk
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) melted

hot waffle iron, spreading evenly. Cook according to manufacturer's instructions.

Serve immediately with warmed maple syrup, sliced peaches and wild blueberries. Makes 4 servings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"Bob Marquis bought some organic Red Fife seed for us and planted it this past spring," says Damon Gibson.

"We have found quite a demand for whole-grain breads and other baked goods because of their health benefits and extra fibre," she says. "There are a lot of flours out there that have added some bran to white flour and call it whole wheat and it is not?

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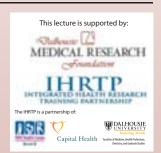
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# The high price of adult obesity

#### New research suggests annual costs in the thousands

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Doctors have long known that medical bills are higher for the obese, but that's only a portion of the real-life costs.

George Washington University researchers added in things like employee sick days, lost productivity, even the need for extra gasoline — and found the annual cost of being obese is \$4,879 US for a woman and \$2,646 US for a man.

That's far more than the cost of being merely overweight — \$524 US for women and \$432 US for men, concluded the report being released yesterday, which analyzed previously published studies to come

up with a total.

Why the difference between the sexes? Studies suggest larger women earn less than skinnier women, while wages don't differ when men pack on the pounds. That was a big surprise, said study co-author and health policy professor Christine Ferguson.

Researchers had expected everybody's wages to suffer with obesity, but "this indicates you're not that disadvantaged as a guy, from a wage perspective," said Ferguson.

Then consider that obesity is linked to earlier death. While that's not something people usually consider a pocketbook issue, the report did average in the economic value of lost life

That brought women's annual obesity costs up to \$8,365 US, and men's to \$6,518 US.

The report was financed by one of the manufacturers of gastric banding, a type of obesity surgery.

The numbers are in line with other research and aren't surprising, said Dr. Kevin Schulman, a professor of medicine and health economist at Duke University who wasn't involved in the new report.

Two-thirds of Americans

Two-thirds of Americans are either overweight or obese, and childhood obesity has tripled in the past 30 years. Nearly 18 per cent of adolescents now are obese, facing a future of diabetes, heart disease and other ailments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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portunity to stay focused on school work and giving back to their communities without having to stress about the financial burden of post-secondary education Ool students in as scholarship

Dr. Jane Thompson, Executive Director of the TD Scholarship for Community Leadership program has met some incredibly dedicated students throughout her years working on the program, and has witnessed the impact the scholarships have had on

and apply!
Dr. Thompson recommends the following tips for submitting a stellar ap-

their educational careers.

Her advice? Apply, apply,

- plication:
   Write clearly and concisely let your accomplishments shine through.
- Consider the big picture how have your actions impacted others?
  Apply early don't
- Apply early don't risk accidentally missing the deadline.
- Read the requirements carefully ensure you don't miss anything.

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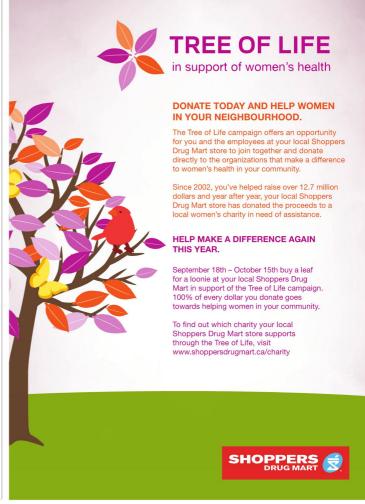
# Better report cards begin with parental involvement

Heading back to school is an important milestone for children.

Soon it'll be a month into the school year, and the entire household will have settled back into school routines. But now isn't the time to relax — in fact, the next milestone is ap-

proaching quickly and it can be stressful for families: the first report card

lies: the first report card. According to Dr. Nick Whitehead, founder and CEO of Oxford Learning, the first report card, while important, is not the final word on your child's academic potential. "Parents should consider the first report card as a check-up on how children are adjusting to the new school year." he said. "It's a tool to help parents identify subjects and behaviours that may be trouble spots for the rest of the year." NEWS CANADA



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# Start early, save more

New parents should consider investing as soon as possible to capitalize on tax and financial advantages

One of the first things that new parents or grandparents should do is to open an RESP (Registered Education Savings Plan) for their child.

When your life is fo-cused on diapers, feedings and getting your infant to sleep through the night, university is not exactly top of mind. But, this is actually the ideal time to start saving. A report by TD Economics estimated that by 2027, the cost of a four-year undergraduate degree will be more than \$100,000.

"If you start saving early, there are many tax and financial advantages on your side," says Carrie Rus-sell, senior vice president at TD Canada Trust. "Like Registered Retirement Savings Plans, investment

gains inside RESPs are tax sheltered and represent one of the best tax breaks out there — you end up with more money and pay less tax."

#### Here's how it works:

You open an RESP in your child's name and make contributions. The investment earnings in the RESP are sheltered, meaning you don't need to pay tax. When your child goes to post-secondary school, they can withdraw money as Educational Assistance Payments and that money is taxed at their rate. They are likely in a low tax bracket at that stage, so all the money from the RESP is subject to little or no tax.

The government will

The federal government's Canada Education Savings Grant program contributes as much as \$7,200 over the lifetime of a child's RESP. The basic CESG contribution is 20 per cent of the first \$2,500 contributed annually to an RESP, but the amount of the grant each year depends on your income level — lower household incomes benefit from increased support.

Get started: To open an RESP you'll need a Social Insurance Number for your child. Then talk to your bank to find the right plan for you and determine a monthly contribution that fits your

NEWS CANADA

## **Uteck Bowl loss not that bad: Sarty**

While losing the Uteck Bowl is an unfortunate turn of events for Saint Mary's University, it might be just what the doctor ordered for the long-term future of Atlantic University Sport football.

That's the take of Saint Mary's athletic director Steve Sarty, who has a glass-half-full approach amid speculation the Uteck Bowl national semifinal — hosted at Huskies

Stadium four times since 2003 — will be moving to Moncton Stadium starting next year. "We lose hosting the

"We lose hosting the game, which we've done for a long, long time, and we lose home-field advantage (when we're in it)," Sarty said.

"The upside is, it might be a step in the right direction to expand the AUS to Moncton. We're looking to expand AUS football and there are some

#### Stay tuned

The AUS is holding a press conference this morning and is expected to announce the Uteck Bowl will move from Huskies Stadium to Moncton Stadium in 2011.

positives to the move as well."

It's no secret the fourteam AUS is at risk of extinction after the Quebec Student Sport Federation cut the interlock schedule between the two conferences in half last December.

AUS executive director Phil Currie wouldn't comment yesterday, but said last December the interlock change was "forcing (the AUS's) hand" to expand and listed Université de Moncton as the top option.

But the Uteck Bowl,

named after Huskies coaching icon Larry Uteck, has heavy emotional ties to Saint Mary's.

"We want to keep the Uteck Bowl here in Halifax where it's always been," Sarty said.

"It's negative in that way, but I think coach Uteck would certainly understand there's an opportunity for growth in the AUS that needs to hapnen"

pen."
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# sports

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"He's one of the toughest heavyweights in the league. That's why we got him. When you get guys like that in the lineup, you become a little bit tougher. You go into buildings and you know that if they start bullying you around, he's there to answer the bell. When you have a guy like that on your team, you play a little bigger.'

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# Benching causes Creighton to quit

● Huskies coach says QB feels he wasn't given 'fair opportunity'



After learning he'd be benched for a second straight week, quarterback Jack Creighton quit the Saint Mary's Huskies football team.

The third-year pivot from Polt Colburne, Ont., delivered the news to Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah yesterday.

"He just felt he wasn't given a fair opportunity," said Sumarah, who benched Creighton after opening week for fourthyear NCAA Division II transfer Micah Brown.

"Basically, he didn't like the fact I was gonna start Micah this week again."

Creighton took over the starting job late in 2008 and was named MVP of the 2009 Loney Bowl.

But he faltered this season in a Week 1 road loss

#### Creighton's career

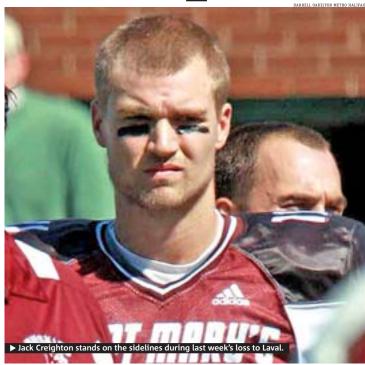
- Jack Creighton is eligible to suit up for another school as of Sept. 19 next year.
- He finishes his Saint Mary's career with 177-of-314 passing, 13 interceptions and 13 touchdowns in 12 starts.
- He also rushed for 259 yards and three majors.

to the Acadia Axemen, throwing three interceptions

"I think as a third-year guy, we had high expectations, and I didn't see that happen in Game 1," Sumarah said.

Brown showed impressive flashes despite the Huskies' 45-7 blowout loss to the No. 1-ranked Laval Rouge et Or.

"Micah played well enough that he deserved another opportunity," Sumarah said.



### Don't hold your breath yet: CFL

The commissioner of the CFL says the dream of a franchise in Atlantic Canada is a possibility, but not a probability.

Mark Cohon was in Antigonish yesterday as the league gets ready for a regular season game on Sunday in Moncton, N.B., between the Toronto Argonauts and the Edmonton Eskimos. Cohon said the idea of a CFL franchise in Atlantic Canada is decades

old, but the league still isn't making any promises.

"Do I think that dream is becoming a possibility? I think yes, it's becoming a possibility. Is it a probability or a reality? The answer is that we're not there yet," Cohon said.

He says a franchise would need a stadium with 25,000 seats. Moncton Stadium will have 21,000 seats for Sunday's game. THE CANADIAN PRESS



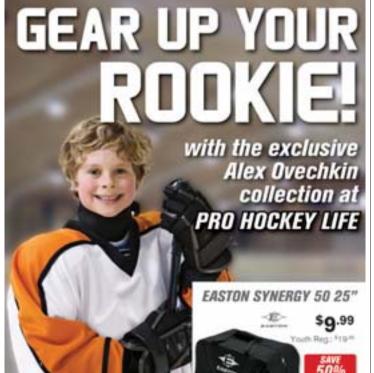
#### Sports in brief

#### Delmas not on Habs' roster

HOCKEY. Peter Delmas will have to wait his turn to get a chance in the Montreal Canadiens' pre-season crease. The 20-year-old Mooseheads goaltender from Bedford is not on the Habs' roster for their NHL exhibition opener today against the Bruins, according to the Montreal Gazette.

### Bellefontaine nets honour

BASEBALL. Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians pitcher Barrett Bellefontaine has been named Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League Cleve's player of the week. He pitched a four-hit shutout against the Sydney Sooners last weekend. Halifax visits Dartmouth Moosehead Dry for Game 1 of the NSSBL final on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.





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# **Habs rookie** earns top spot

Palushaj set to play on top line alongside Plekanec, Cammalleri for Canadiens pre-season opener

Aaron Palushaj will skate on a marquee line in his first exhibition game with the Montreal Canadiens and coach Jacques Martin says he earned that hon-

The right winger picked up last March in the trade that sent Matt D'Agostini to the St. Louis Blues will skate with 2009-10 team scoring leader Tomas Plekanec and sniper Mike Cammalleri when the Canadiens open their preseason schedule hosting the Boston Bruins tonight. It will be the first of five

games in six nights for the Canadiens, who play five of their seven pre-season contests at home.

"I was impressed with him. He has a strong skillset fast, quick strides, good shot, works hard."

MIKE CAMMALLERI ON PALUSHAJ

"I'm excited for the game for sure," said Palushaj, a 21-year-old from Northville, Mich., who has been scoring goals regularly in intra-squad games at camp.

"To be honest it makes it a lot easier (playing with) two unbelievable players. "You just keep it simple

and play hard."

Palushaj was playing for the Blues' farm club in Peoria, Ill., when he was traded.

He moved to Montreal's top affiliate in Hamilton, joining the Bulldogs in time for a strong regularseason finish and a run to the AHL final.

"When I got the evaluation from Hamilton last year, the coaches felt he was our best player in the playoffs," said Martin. "This is a first opportunity for me to see him play.

"He's helps our depth. He has good speed and of-fensive skill and it will be good to see him in the next week or two."
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# Grand Cherokee's king of the hill

#### • Not that you'd climb one but there ain't no mountain high or rough enough for the 2011 powerhouse • New model features improved interiors



The trail up the hill is rocks, and the drop down is so steep that only the seatbelt keeps me from falling into the windshield. Naturally, the redesigned 2011 Grand Cherokee takes it in stride, along with improvements for a smooth asphalt ride as well.

It uses a Mercedes-Benz platform, has a selectable terrain mode similar to Land Rover's, and throws in Chrysler's newfound attention to interior quality.

It starts at \$37,995 for the base Laredo E, followed by Laredo X at \$42,995, Limited at \$46,995 and Over-

#### The specs 2011 JEEP land at \$49,995. The trim The interior design does-GRAND CHEROKEE levels are differentiated n't break any new ground both by features and off-I like the simple, big-but-PRICE 0\$37,995 - \$49,995 road capability. The 5.7-litre Hemi V8 is toned centre stack, but some might find it too aus-**ENGINE 3.6 L V6, 5.7 L V8** FUEL ECONOMY V6: City unchanged, but the previ- but it's light-years 13.0 (22 mpg), hwy 8.9 (32 ahead of its predecessor in ous 3.7-litre V6 is replaced mpg); V8: 15.7 (18 mpg), with Chrysler's all-new 3.6materials and finish. The 10.6 (27 mpg) litre V6. It provides 80 more previously cramped rear horsepower, but with an seats are now fine for sixnifty removable storage footers, and the cargo area bins tucked around the improvement in fuel econois larger, including two spare tire.

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# SUV? Hatch? It's a Matrix

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The Toyota Matrix is a tall hatchback with a small SUV look and stance that benefits owners by perching them up high in the car and providing a commanding forward view. Sharp and youthful to a higher level than its over-achieving and under-styled brother, the Corolla, Matrix makes the most sense to most people coming from a wide range of lifestyles.

Available in front or all wheel drive (AWD), the Matrix could also be fitted with numerous features and options to suit a wide variety of needs. With 428 litres of cargo space, it offered one of the largest interiors in its class, too. A

#### The specs

- MODEL 2002 to 2006
  Toyota Matrix
- VEHICLE TYPE Small crossover
- PRICE RANGE \$4,500 to \$14,000

wide variety of dealer-installed and aftermarket accessories are available, too

Power came from a highrevving 1.8 liter four-cylinder unit with up to 180 horsepower in Matrix XRS models, though power output figures were reduced as time passed.

#### **What Owners Like:**

Dependability, adaptability, flexibility and a fun-todrive attitude are highly rated by Matrix owners, as



is its relatively decent fuel consumption, and wintertime traction in models equipped with the AWD system.

#### What Owners Hate:

Common gripes include a

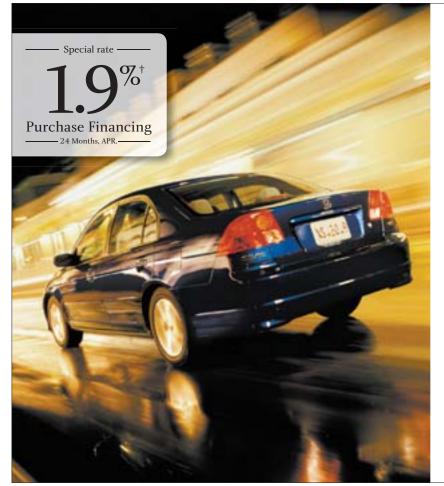
lousy factory stereo system, squeaks and rattles as the Matrix ages, excessive wind noise and some low-budget interior parts.

#### Common Issues:

On a test drive, be sure

to watch for a check engine light, which could indicate a number of problems including an emissions control fault or a bad oxygen sensor. Be sure to note the engine's idling as well. It should be smooth and

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### PROJECT EVE SOARS HIGH

The consortium, Project Eve, was recently formed, with the mission to get electric car production in this country to the next level.

t includes firms, universities, infrastructure entities, etc., who all know a thing or two about how to design and build a stateof-the-art electric car. Basically, it's like all the smart kids in class getting together to collaborate on a science project.

In fact, two of the member firms, Toronto Electric and Motive Industries (Calgary), have already built working prototypes, and they will be the first two products the consortium will build and sell to fleet customers, on a per-order basis (a full line-up is in the works).

Motive has a passionate leader in the form of Nathan Armstrong. Project Eve was officially launched at the EV Conference in Vancouver last week.

It was also the occasion where Armstrong revealed the design sketch of Motive's upcoming 4-seat electric car, called the Kestrel.

Noted Armstrong, in a Project Eve press release: "We see a unique opportunity with Project Eve to move electric mobility towards a production reality. We also wish to support the Canadian auto sector by providing sustainable products and opportunities to create new manufacturing jobs."

The jobs may come, but

The jobs may come, but right off the bat the Kestrel certainly opened up opportunities of another sort — for questionable headline references to "smoking up" and "getting high" — because Project Eve revealed that this EV's body panels will be constructed of fibres originating from a species of cannabis.

Obviously the plant in question is not marijuana but its cousin, hemp, which is more suited to fibre production and actually legal to grow in this country.

The Alberta Research

The Alberta Research Council founded a project to find ways of using Alberta-grown hemp fibres and Alberta-manufactured polymers to produce a "biocomposite" material that could be used in lots of products, including cars.

According to Project Eve

spokesperson, John Scott, "Canada possesses more than enough know-how, talent, and enthusiasm to play a major role in electric mobility... Project Eve is designed to accelerate the process, so we're all rowing in the same direction."

A hemp-based biocomposite material is light, strong, and green (hemp grows fast, and is easy on the soil)

Europe is further along the hemp-for-cars road than Canada. These biocomposites have already been used in some race cars, and in the Lotus Elise production car.

Hemp is just one of the "smoking good" technologies that the consortium can bring to the EV table.

Scott reports that interest in Project Eve is high (no pun intended), and coming from lots of faraway places, like India and China. If you have interest, check out projecteve.ca and/or Facebook under Project Eve.





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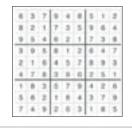
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T Aries March 21-April 20 Give a little today and you will get a lot in return tomorrow when the Sun moves into your opposite sign. The theme for the next few weeks is Partnership.

¥ Taurus April 21-May 21 Most of the risks you took in recent weeks - and you took plenty paid off in the end but the Sun's imminent change of signs means you will have to be a bit more cautious over the next few weeks.

#### II Gemini May 22-June 21

You've had your fill of dancing to other people's tunes – now you intend to dance to your own and, yes, that's party talk

Gancer June 22-July 22 The Sun's move into the domestic

area of your chart tomorrow will bring into focus your relationships with the people you are closest to emotionally.

 Leo July 23-Aug.23 You will feel more confident about your position and your prospects, both at work and in your private life, when the Sun changes signs tomorrow.

My Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 With both the Sun and Mercury transiting your sign you've had more than your share of great ideas - but what are you going to do with them all?

← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There were no doubt numerous occasions in recent weeks when you wish you had been more adventurous, but never mind.

A new solar year is about to

M Scorpio oct. 24-Nov. 22 You are about to embark on the final phase of your personal solar year – the four-week period when the Sun moves through the most sensitive area of your chart.

#### → Sagittarius

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 One particular aim or ambition no longer seems worth the time or the effort and you are seriously thinking about giving up on it. Don't be too hasty.

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 There is one thing you are really good at, one thing that marks you out from the crowd. Make that one thing the center of your working life over the next four weeks or so

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You've waited a long time for your opportunity to shine and you don't intend to waste it. The Sun in Libra as from tomorrow will open all sorts of doors to all sorts of magical worlds

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Hopefully you have dealt with a relationship issue that was holding you back, because in a matter of days, if not hours, your new rapport will be put to the test. Emotionally and financially you'll do great things together.

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